RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

OF CHORLEY

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER

OF

HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR

1971



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Public Health Department, Council Offices, Gillibrand Street, CHORLEY.

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To the Chairman and Members of the Council

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The District encircles the Municipal Borough of Chorley, and is bounded on the North by Walton-le-Dale U.D., Leyland U.D., and Preston R.D., on the South by Wigan R.D., Standish U.D., Adlington U.D., and Horwich U.D., and on the West by West Lancashire R.D., on the East by Blackburn R.D., Withnell U.D., and Turton U.D.

The District which comprises of twenty parishes is varied in character, and whilst there is considerable industry most parts of the District are rural.

There was no change in the District during the year, the area is 41,114 acres.

During the year the Central Lancashire New Town Corporation was formed and members were appointed in July under the Chairmanship of Sir Frank Pearson.

At the present time agriculture predominates in the area which has some rich agricultural land. In addition there is, of course, spinning and weaving of cotton and other fabrics, the Royal Ordnance Factory in the District is an industry on its own. Erick making is carried on at Croston and the old craft of basket making is still carried on in Mawdesley. There are in addition vast industries in some adjoining areas which provide work for residents of the District. It has also been found that people are prepared to leave large conurbations and live in Eccleston, Clayton-le-Woods or Euxton and travel daily to their places of employment, some say it is cheaper than living nearer the large cities. Coal mining is no longer carried out in the District.

MCTORWAYS

The North South Motorway passes through the District from the boundary at Walton-le-Dale to the boundary with Wigan Rural District at Shevington. The parishes through which it runs are Cuerden, Clayton-le-Woods, Euxton, Charnock Richard and Coppull. There is a service area at Charnock Richard on the north side of the new bridge carrying Mill Lane over the motorway, the area is serviced from Mill Lane. The Councils' main sewer passes under the motorway near the service area and serves the area.

The M61 which runs through the parishes of Anderton, Heath Charnock, Whittle-le-Woods and Brindle was completed during the year, so that it is now possible to travel from the M6 along the M61 to its junction with the M62 at Eccles and also into Yorkshire.

The Motorway Service Area at Anderton was opened in March. The catering portion is at the present time confined to the Westerly side, the petroleum storage operates on both sides. The site was visited and inspected by H.M. The Queen on 14th October, 1971.

POPULATION

The estimated population (Register Generals' Figure) for mid 1971 is:- 38,110

The following figures give the population since 1961 and show the variation:-

The Census figure for 1931 was 23,633

The Census figure for 1951 was 27,198

The Census figure for 1961 was 28,530

The sum represented by a penny rate is:-

INTERIT TITE HOUSES

The Rateable value of the District is:- £1,200,352

13,242

£4,799

16.0

12

The number of inhabitated houses at the end of 1971 was:-

STATISTICS

BIRTH RATE

Live Births

			Total	Males	Females	
9	timate ritimate		703 25	361 15	342 10	
		TOTAL	728	376	352	
	Sirth Rate	(crude) pe	er 1,000 es	stimated ci	vilian population	19.1
	dirth Rate	(adjusted)	per 1.000	estimated	civilian population	19.0

	, F - F	0	
		Still Bir	ths
	Total	Males	Females
Legitimate	12	7	5
Illevitimate	2	1	1

Birth Rate per 1.000 population for England and Wales

The Mate per 1,000 for England and Wales

TOTAL 14 8 6

The Pate per 1,000 total births is 19

DEATH WATER

		Total	Males	Females	
		405	220	185	
Tae Den	Forte per 1,	000 estima	ted populat	ion (crude) is	10.6
e ad	isted rate per	1,000 est	imated popu	alation is	12.2
Te 100	n Mate per 1,	000 for In	gland and V	ales is	11.6

INFANTILE DEATHS

The Death Rate of infants under 1 year per 1,000 live births is	14
The Rate per 1,000 for England and Wales is	18
Early neonatal (under one week) Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births	10
Perinatal (still births and deaths under one week combined) Motality Rate per 1,000 total births	28
Perinatal (England adn Wales)	22
There were actually 10 infant deaths.	

Nil

MATERNAL DEATHS

There were no maternal deaths during the year.

The maternal mortality Rate per 1,000 total births

The following tables give the figures for the past twenty years:-

	LIVE BIR	TH RATE	STILL BIRTH RATE	DEATH	RATE	INFANTILE DEATH RATE	MATERNAL RATE
YEAR	Chorley R.D.	England and Wales	Chorley R.D. (per 1,000 live & still births)	Chorley R.D.	England and Wales	Chorley R.D. (per 1,000 live births)	Chorley R.D.
1952	14.2	15.3	23.0	12.2	11.3	26	2
1953	14.6	15.5	27.0	11.3	11.4	35	-
1954	13.3	15.2	29.0	12.2	11.3	22	-
1955	13.0	15.0	25.0	11.9	11.7	42	-
1956	13.5	15.7	27.0	12.0	11.7	14	-
1957	14.2	16.1	18.0	12.3	11.5	26	-
1958	14.7	16.4	31.3	11.8	11.7	42	-
1959	15.9	16.5	32.9	12.7	11.6	29	-
1960	16.5	17.1	35.8	12.2	11.5	32	1
1961	17.0	17.4	25.9	14.3	12.0	16	-
1962	18.3	18.0	29.1	13.5	11.9	7	-
1963	18.0	18.2	16.7	12.7	12.2	20	-
1964	18.5	18.4	16.2	12.3	11.3	27	-
1965	19.4	18.1	16.7	11.7	11.5	17	1
1966	17.7	17.7	17.8	12.2	11.7	27	-
1967	18.5	17.2	17.0	12.3	11.2	22	-
1968	19.4	16.9	18.0	11.1	11.9	21	-
1969	20.3	16.3	11.0	11.0	11.9	18	-
1970	19.1	16.0	17.0	11.0	11.7	17	-
1971	19.1	16.0	19.0	10.7	11.6	17	-

DEATHS FROM CANCER (all ages)

YEARS											
1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	
50	45	48	55	39	37	46	56	47	58	57	
1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	19 6 8	1969.	- 1970	197 1	
56	50	47	51	67	65	65	55	68	67	62	

ANALYSIS OF CAUSE OF DEATH

Cause	Males	Females	Total
Malignant Meoplasm Biccal Cavity etc.	2	1	3
Malignant Neoplasm, Cesophagus	1	1	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	5	3	8
Malignant Leoplasm, Intestine	5	4	9
Malignant Weoplasm, Lung and Bronchus	14	1	15
Malignant Neorlasm, Breast	-	2	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	8	-	8
Leukaemia	2	-	2
Other Malignant Neoplasms	8	5	13
Tiabetes Mellitus	-	4	4
other Diseases of Nervous System etc.	1	-	1
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	-	1	1
Hypertensive Disease	4	2	6
Ischaemic Heart Disease	73	52	125
Other forms of Heart Disease	6	10	16
Jerebrovascular Disease	38	37	75
Other Disease of Circulatory System	8	11	19
Influenza	-	2	2
Treumoria	8	13	21
aronchitis and Emphysema	6	6	12
.sti.ma	1	1	2
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	1	1	2
eptic Ulcer	-	1	1
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	-	2	2
Jirrnosis of Liver	1	1	2
Ather Diseases of Digestive System	5	2	7
heptritis and Rephrosis	2	1	3
lyverplasia of prostate	2	-	2
ther Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	2	4	6
iseases of !usculo-Skeletal System	1	2	3
Congenital Anomalies	4	1	5
Tirto Injury, Difficult Labour etc.	-	1	1
other causes of Perinatal Mortality	2	-	2
gmptoms and other ill defined conditions	1	2	3
oter /enicle Accidents	3	1	4
11 other Jor dents	L _‡	9	13
under and elf-inflicted injuries	2	-	2
I Other External Dauses	-	1	1
1 765 Add 240Ada	220	185	405

The table on page 4 is a summary provided by the Registrar General. The total of 405 deaths is 2 less than the figure for the previous year. The International Classification of Diseases and Causes of Death has been revised and the table uses the new classification which makes accurate comparison with the previous years figures difficult in some instances. It is possible, however, to compare the main causes.

Deaths from malignant diseases decreased by five, those from Bronchitis and Emphysema by four; from diseases Genito-Urinary System increased by five, Congenital Anomalies increased by two, and Accidents other than Motor Vehicle Accidents increased by seven. Deaths from heart diseases increased by twenty-six and from cerebrovascular disease decreased by twelve.

The number of infants who died before reaching one year of age was fourteen which is two more than in 1970.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE

Health Services and Public Health Act, 1968: Part III

The Public Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations, 1968

Responsibility for notification of a case of notifiable disease rests exclusively on the doctor attending the patient whether in hospital or elsewhere. All existing Regulations have been consolidated so as to attain uniformity in notification procedure.

Tetanus and Yellow Fever are now notifiable in this country as well as Leptospirosis which was previously notifiable only in certain areas. Acute and Primary Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal Pneumonia, Puerperal Pyrexia and Acute Rheumatism and Erysipelas are no longer notifiable.

The Council has authorised the Medical Officer of Health to act in those cases where it is considered necessary.

Persons requiring hospital treatment on account of infectious diseases are sent to Deepdale Isolation Hospital, Preston.

Measles accounted for 44 of the 60 notifications received during the year. Vaccination against measles, which involves only one injection, is available from general medical practitioners, Child-Welfare Centres, and School Clinics for children one to fifteen. Parents are urged to take advantage of this protection for children who have not yet had measles.

During 1970 protection against yet another infectious disease became available, namely, rubella or german measles. This disease is now recognised as a serious danger to women during pregnancy because of its potentially harmful effects on the unborn child resulting in cogenital abnormalities. Vaccination against german measles is available to all girls between the ages of eleven and fourteen years, and again this involves only one injection.

The total number of cases of infectious disease notified during the year was 60.

This total for 1970 was 530.

The number of cases of scarlet fever was 10 more than the previous year being 14.

There were 3 cases of dysentery notified during 1971. In 1970 there were no cases.

There was 1 case of pulmonary tuberculosis notified.

There was 1 case of meningitis.

Infectious Diseases contd......

There were no cases of diphtheria.

There were no cases of poliomyelitis.

There were 10 cases of whooping cough.

Infective Jaundice

This disease became generally notifiable in 1968, during that year two cases were notified.

In 1970 there were 254 cases notified. This decreased in 1971 to 14.

Cholera in Spain

On the 23rd July, 1971 the Department of Health and Social Security notified all Medical Officers that cases of Cholera had been confirmed in Spain, and as a consequence it would be necessary for strict supervision to be exercised over persons giving a history of diarrhoea during or soon after a stay in any area known to be infected. Copies of the circular were forwarded to all Medical Fractitioners in the area.

Food Poisoning

During August a notification was received that a person who had spent a holiday at a Camp in North Wales was suffering from Food Poisoning. It was not possible to determine where the disease was contracted.

The second case of food poisoning in the district was a person employed at the Lostock Hall Continuation Hospital where there had been an outbreak of this disease.

Vaccination

In November the Department of Health and Social Security notified all General reactitioners that a Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation and recommended that in view of the fact that the smallpox eradication programme of the World Health Organisation had made much progress and the area of the world in which small pox exists and the populations in which transmission of smallpox as still occurring have been greatly reduced that vaccination against smallpox need not now be recommended as routine procedure in early childhood. They did, however, recommend that travellers to and from areas of the world where smallpox is endemic or countries where eradication programmes are in progress should be protected by recent vaccination. They emphasised that staff who may come into contact with patients should be offered vaccination and regular re-vaccination.

Outbreaks of Sickness at Euxton (Lancashire County Fire Brigade Training Centre)

on the 13th October the Department was notified by telephone that 14 to 17 men at Mashington Hall Fire Brigade Trainaing Centre were affected with diahorrea. The centre was visited and it was found that in addition to the 17 men, two members of the kitchen staff were affected, these were removed from food handling duties.

facces specimens were obtained from all affected persons, they were all found to be negative for organisms of the salmonella and dysentery groups. It would appear that the causative agent could be a virus.

CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE (After Correction)

NOTIFIED DURING THE YEAR 1971

	Total		Total Cases Notified										
	cases at					Age	Perio	ds - Ye	ars				
Diseases	all ages	0-	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	25 & over	Age Unknown		
Measles (excluding rubella)	14	2	5	1	2	1	4	_	_	-	-		
Dysentery	3	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	1	-		
Scarlet Fever	14	1	1	-	1	-	9	1	2	_			
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	_	-		
Acute Meningitis	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Acute Poliomyelitis Paralytic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Acute Poliomyelitis Non-Paralytic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	_	-	-		

	Total		- Citizano						Tot	tal Ca	ses	Noti	fied		
Disease	Cases at all			-					Age	e Peri	ods	- Ye	ars		
210000	ages		0~			5-		15-		45~			and over		Age Unknown
Loute encephalitis Infective	_		_			-		-		-			_		_
Fost-Infectious	-					-		-		-			-		-
Leptospirosis	-		-			-		_		_			-		-
Faratyphoid Fever	_		_			_		-		_			-		-
Typhoid Fever						-		-		-			-		-
Food Toisoning	2		_			-		1		1			-		-
		0-	1-	2-	- 5-	10-	15-	20-	25	5 - 35 -	45-	- 55-	65 -	75.	Age Unknown
Tetanus	-	6 to	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Infective Jaundice	14	-	-		1	3	-	4	4	1	1	-	-	-	-
Taterculosis kespiratory	-	-	~	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	600	-	-	_
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Greroulosis Others	1		-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Alcoping Congr.	10	6	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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TABLE OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS)

NOTIFIED DURING THE PAST 10 YEARS

					YEAR	- 1				
NOTIFIABLE DISEASE	1971	1970	1969	1968	1967	1966	1965	1964	1963	1962
Scarlet Fever	14	4	11	11	21	26	28	5	6	7
Smallpox	-	60	-	-	-		-	_	-	-
Diphtheria (including membranous croup)	-	OBS			-	ao	-			_
Enteric or typhoid fever (excluding paratyphoid)	-		-	_	-	-	-	_		-
Paratyphoid fever	nat	-	640	-	-	_	-	-	-	-
Measles (excluding rubella)	14	262	112	243	196	232	483	140	158	250
Whooping Cough	10	-	-	1	9	4	3	7	12	-
Acute Pneumonia (primary and influ'zal)	-	-		_	3	4	2	2	6	4
Puerperal Pyrexia	Case	228	40.	-	63		-	-	-	-
Cerebro-spinal fever	CD	GF.	4 5	_	_	-		-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	_	-	G.	60	-	-	co	-	-	-
Acute Encephalitis	_	٥	-			1	_	-	-	_
Acute Encephalitis Lethargica	e-		00	-	-	_	-	-	-	_
Dysentery	3	-	4	1	17	5	10	-	5	1
Meningococcal Infection	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	3	1	-
Acute Meningitis	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ophthalmia neonatorum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	_	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	
Contracted in England and Wales	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-
Abroad	-	- 6	-	4	- 3	-	-	3	+-	-
Food Poisoning	2	6	2	+	3	-	+	-	+-	_
Infective Jaundice	14	254	5	2	250		529	160	188	264
TOTAL	58	526	135	263	250	272	229	100	100	120-

CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED

DUEING THE YEAR 1971 FROM THE VARIOUS TOWNSHIPS

											т		
							Tuberc	ulosis			1		
ARISHES	Scarlet Fever	Acute Pneumonia	Dysentery	Measles	Erysipelas	Whooping Cough	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Infl. Meningitis	Acute Encephalitis Post Infectious	Food Poisoning	Infective Hepatitis	TOTAL
Anderton	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	_	_	-	-	-	2
Anglezarke	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	_	-	-	-	-	-
Bretherton	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	_	-
Brindle	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charnock Richard	1	-	-	_	-	-	-		_	-	-	2	3
Clayton-le-Woods	1	-	-	8	-	-	-	-			-	-	9
Corpull	-	-	-	1	-	7	1	1	-		-	6	16
roston	-	-	-	-	-	1	-		-	-	-		1
Cuerden	1	-	-	-	-	-			-	-	-	-	1
Decleston	-	-	-	1	-	-	_	-	1	_		-	2
Euxton	6	-	-	2	-	1		-	-		1	2	12
Jeapey	-	_	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-
Teats Charnock	4	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Leskin	-	-	-	-	_	-	-	-	_	-	-	-	-
Logaton	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	3
Mawdesley	-	_	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
flvington	-	-	_	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ines malton	-	_	-	1	-	_	-	-			-	-	1
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11:0.e-le-cods	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2
30700	14	-	3	14	-	10	1	1	1	-	2	14	60

MASS RADICGRAPHY

No Mass Radiography Surveys were carried out in the District in 1971.

TUBERCULOSIS

New Cases and Mortality During 1971

		NEW C	ASES	Corney (Melylpore) Velet erwy Th		DEAT	HS	Non Respiratory M. F.				
AGE PERIODS	Respira	atory	Nor Respira		Respira	atory						
	М.	F.	М.	F.	М.	F.	М.	F.				
Under 5 years	-		-	-	-	-	-	-				
5 - 14 years		430	Labo	-	7900	-	-	-				
15 - 24 years		en:	-	-	-	_	-	_				
25 - 44 years	1	679	-	-	1	-	-	-				
45 - 64 years	900	-	GMA	-	1		-	-				
65 and over		60		1	-	-	-	-				
Age unknown	69	cue-	99.9	œ	_		-	-				
TOTAL	1	Committee of the Commit	1	1	2			eter Armanus				

There was one case notified after Death

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

TELETIN

Horwich U.D.C.

Nost of the water supplied to properties in the Rural District is water obtained from Lanchester Corporation and distributed through the Councils' mains. There are however, small parts of various parishes and the whole of the Parish of Rivington supplied by other undertakers, the undertakers and the areas they serve are as follows:

Fylde Water Board	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	Moulden Brow in the Parish of Hoghton.
Makerfield Water Board	• •	* 1	••	••	••	Anderton Mill, Ridley Lane and Bradshaw Lane in the Parish of Mawdesley.
reston water Board						St. David's Road area in the

Parish of Rivington.

Parish of Clayton-le-Woods.

Liverpool Corporation Few properties in Bolton Road in the Parish of Heath Charnock and part of Heapey Works in the Parish of Heapey.

Withhell U.D.C. Part of Higher Wheelton in the Parish of Wheelton.

Cn the 1st April, 1971 the Rural District Water undertaking was taken over by the Preston water Board.

Flumbo solvency is below the prescribed limit in all water supplied in the District.

The following table shows the number of samples submitted for examination during the year together with the results:~

	,	Bacteriological Examination			Chemical Analysis Results		
rurlic Supply	No.	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	No.	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	
a) treated water	179	167	12 -	- -	-	-	
a, treated water b, rw water	- 18	- 14	-	1	-	-	

Flouridation of the water supply is not carried out.

Unloringtion of Water

Colorination of the whole of the water supplied by the Council through its mains continued throughout the year.

Parishes of Mawdesley, Heskin and Bretherton

The scheme proceeded during the year and in Mawdesley and Bretherton several house connections were made.

The scheme is an excellent one in which some comparatively isolated properties are to be sewered.

When in operation the scheme will cut down pollution of water courses by the effluents of small scale septic tanks, and what is also important will allow well over 100 closet pails to be converted to the water carriage system.

Further progress was made with the scheme for sewering another part of the parish of Hoghton. This will ultimately serve the Riley Green and Moulden Brow areas.

Closet Conversions

Compulsory conversion of pail closets was commenced in 1962, but was later discontinued as the conversion of outside closets conflicted with Improvement Grant requirements. There are, however, very few pail closets on the line of the sewers which exist today.

The following table shows the parishes which conversions were carried out in 1971:

Parishes	Pails to W.C!s.	Privies to W.C's.	Privies to Pails	Total
Heapey	-	1	_	1
Clayton-le-Woods	1	-	~	1
TOTAL	1	1	-	2

The following table shows the total conversions carried out since 1941:-

	Pails to W.C's.	Privies to W.C's.	Privies to Pails	Total
1941 - 1957	1,036	426	105	1,567
1958	84	9	-	93
1959	58	3	-	61
1960	41	1	-	42
1961	24	33	-	57
1962	34	4	-	38
1963	44	6	-	50
1964	20	-	-	20
1965	15	-	-	15
1966	19	-	-	19
1967	14	2	-	16
1968	16	-	-	16
1969	6	-	-	6
1970	7	-	-	7
1971	1	1	-	2
TOTAL	1,419	485	105	2,009

CLEANSING

Releasing by the Rural District Council is limited to the collection and disposal of house refuse and the collection and disposal of nightsoil from properties outside the sewered areas, and which have pail closets.

Tail closet contents are collected in a cesspool emptier vehicle adapted for this purpose, the operation is completely separate from the collection of household refuse.

For refuse collection purposes the area is split into seven parts each of which has a gang and vehicle. The areasvary considerably and size of the gangs vary accordingly.

The vehicles in use are three modern continuous loader type, four fore and aft tippers fitted with pressure plates. Two new vehicles were delivered during the year, one replaced the old side loader and the second took the place of one of the continuous loaders, actually the second of this type to be acquired six years ago, leaving us with a modern machine as a spare.

All staff engaged on refuse collection and disposal are on a bonus scheme. This has produced a vastly improved service.

Disposal

After collection, pail closet contents are disposed of by tipping into sewers. Emptying into sewers is not, however, without its problems, particularly during the summer when there is no rain, and no resultant flushing for long periods. Further, manholes well sited for disposal are more and more difficult to find, the constant reduction in the number of pails by conversion is the best means of overcoming these difficulties.

Unfortunately the work of closet conversion is limited as most of the properties on the line of main sewers have already been converted and until the sewers referred to under the heading of Sewerage are completed only an odd conversion is possible.

Frivy midden contents are disposed of on refuse tips, the amount involved being very small indeed.

Centralised tipping has not yet been accomplished although with the use of larger vehicles it is now possible to manage with two tips, one at Brindle used only for refuse collected by the side loader, and the tip at Coppull which takes nine tenths of the refuse collected. The tip at Heskin has been completed and the land, half an acre, has been made suitable for agriculture.

A watheril four wheel drive shovel is used on the tips.

The negotiations for the acquisition of a site at Ulnes Walton were completed during the year and tipping commenced in April, the whole of the refuse from Leyland is tipped there, refuse from the parishes of Mawdesley, Croston, Bretherton and Ulnes Walton is tipped at These Walton.

alvaging waste material has now been discontinued.

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There is no municipal bin scheme in operation in the District, and whilst the owners/occupiers provide their own bins, and the majority of tenants and owners provide that to orrangement, it is necessary to use Section 75 of the Public Health Act to get that provided in other cases.

our lotices were served during the year.

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Haring the year the disposal by the U.K.A.E.A., of Atomic Waste continued in the claused clays: at Ulnes calton. Actually the site being used by the Rural District additions this site.

Slaughterhouses

There are three slaughterhouses in the District:-

Ridgewood Bacon Factory, Heath Charnock Messrs. Thornley & Sons

- Messrs. G. Dalton & Partners
- Messrs. H. & J. Green 59 Town Road, Croston

Coopers Allotments, Withington Lane, Heskin

During the year all animals slaughtered were inspected.

The number of visits made to the slaughterhouses were 563 The number of visits made to the Bacon Factory were

201

TOTAL 764

Carcases Inspected and Condemned	Cattle excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	311	-	-	1,267	21,070	-
Number Inspected	311	-	-	1,267	21,070	-
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci: Whole Carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	80	-
Carcase of which some part or organ was condemned	43	-	_	161	2,935	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	13.5	_	-	12.7	14.3	-
Tuberculosis only:- Whole carcases condemned	-	-	_	-	1	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	227	-
Percentage of number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	1.08	-
Cysticercosis:- Carcase of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-		-	-	-
Carcase submitted to reat- ment by refrigeration	_	_	-	-	-	_
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

Foultry Inspection

Number of poultry processing premises with the District at the end of 1971 - 8
Number of visits made to these premises during the year - 227
Number of birds processed during the year - approximately 400,000
Types of brids processed - Turkeys, Ducks, Hens, Broilers and Capons.
Number of birds rejected as unfit for human consumption - Not known.
Leight of poultry condemned as unfit for human consumption - Not known.

Comments of poultry inspection and processing:-

Inspection of numerous premises which are in use almost daily makes inspection of any appreciable number of poultry impossible. Up to the present our work has been confined virtually to hygiene in the premises and education.

Foodstuffs Condemned in 1971

Other inspection of food took place, particularly at a whole-sale depot, and these resulted in the following being condemned:-

Tinned Tinned Tinned Tinned	Ham Fruits Nilk Cream Tomatoes Fish	316 2,873 72 1 261 6	pints pint lbs. lbs.	Tinned Vegetables (Assorted) Tinned Steak Tinned Tongue Tinned Luncheon Meat Bacon Pickles Sauces	923 lbs. 62 lbs. 50 lbs. 61 lbs. 17 cwts. 15 fl. oz. 31 fl. oz.
Tinned	Soup	611	lbs.	Preserves	27 lbs.

BRUCELLOSIS

Raw Milk infected with brucella organisms can give rise to undulant fever in man. Efficient pasteurisation of infected milk renders it safe. Whilst this disease is not notifiable one case was brought to our attention during the year.

whilst the introduction by the Ministry of the free vaccination of calves some years ago was undoubtedly a move in the right direction, it was considered by many that more drastic measures would be required if the disease was to be eradicated within a reasonable time.

years.

In 1966 the Ministry introduced a scheme to eradicate brucellosis over a period of

This will not only serve the interest of human and animal health, but will also improve agricultural productivity and enable us to maintain and increase exports of livestock.

The first essential is to build up a register of brucella-free herds on a voluntary basis to provide a reservoir of disease-free replacements. Some progress in being made in this direction, whilst I do not know the position for the Country as a wrole, information relating to this District is sent by the Lancashire County Council.

At the Leginning of 1971 there were eighteen accredited herds in the District.

It the end of 1971 there were twenty-five accredited herds in the District.

The record stage, which can only be introduced when the voluntary response is large enough will consist of a plan of eradication, area by area, in which all animals reacting to diagnostic tests will be slaughtered, with payment of compensation.

parties of milk submitted for routine examination in this area are also examined for prucella acortum.

In addition to this, bulk sampling of all raw milk retailed in the District is carried out. Samples from each source being collected and submitted for examination on alternate months. 383 such samples were collected during the year.

When Brucella is found in a herd for the first time, the farmer, subject to his agreement, is assisted in isolating the affectedanimals, which must be removed from the herd immediately. Further, individual samples from newly calved or newly purchased animals are examined for him in future to assist him in keeping a brucella free herd. Notices under Regulation 20 are not served in these cases and they are not included in the figures below.

However, should a bulk sample show a herd to be affected a second time, the onus of isolating the infected animal is on the farmer and Notices under Regulation 20 of the Milk and Dairies (General) Regualtions, 1959, are served.

The following figures summarise the work carried out:-

Total bulk specimens of raw retailed milk collected and examined		383
Number of such bulk specimens found positive for brucella	• • •	3
Number of Notices under Regulation 20 of the Milk and Dairies		
(General) Regulations, 1959, served		3
Number of Notices carried over from 1970		3
Number of Notices withdrawn		3
Number of Notices still operative at the end of 1971		3
Number of specimens from individual animals examined to help		
farmers keep brucella free herds	• • •	192
Number of such individual specimens found to be positive.	• • •	1
One of the three notices served was a result of a sample		
submitted by Lancashire County Council.		

Regulation 20 states:-

"no milk from the above mentioned premises is: -

- (a) to be sold for human consumption or used in the manufacture of products for human consumption.
- (b) to be sold for human consumption within the District of the above mentioned Local Authority.

unless it has been treated, or is sold subject to its being treated before consumption in such a way as to secure that it may, with safety, be sold (or used) as aforesaid".

ICE CREAM

There were no new registrations for the manufacture of ice cream during the year. Manufacturers with one exception are in a small way only making what they themselves retail. In some cases the business is not continuous even in the summer.

Not all premises registered for manufacture are used for that purpose, some only retail ice cream purchased from larger manufacturers.

The number of premises on the register at the end of the year was:

Registered for the Manufacture, Storage and Sale ... 2
Registered for Storage and Sale only ... 103

The following figures show the number registered since 1950:-

1960	1959	1958	1957	1956	1955	1954	1953	1952	1951	1950
108	92	80	75	75	72	69	68	61	58	47
1971	1970	1969	1968	1967	1966	1965	1964	1963	1955	19
105	137	134	132	129	124	.22	121	113	115	113

The Number of Good Fremises of the Various Types in the District at the end of the year was:

Type of Buisness

General grocers and provision dealers	· · ·	100
Greengrocers and fruiters (incl. those selling wet fish and game	etc.).	4
Fishmongers (incl. those selling poultry and game etc.)		1
Meat Shops (butchers, purveyors of cooked and preserved meats, tr	ripe	
etc.)		12
Sakers and/or confectioners		24
Fried Fish Shops		9
Phops selling mainly sugar confectionery, minerals and ice cream	• •	24
Licensed premises, clubs, canteens, restaurants, cafes, snack bar	rs and	
similar catering establishments		107
Chemists		7
		288

The Number of Food Premises Registered under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, and the Lancashire County Council Act was:

Fremises	Legislation under which registration effected	No. registered at 31.12.71	No. of inspections of registered premises during the year
mufreture, storage and mole of ice iream	Food and Drugs Act	105	158
r corved isl	Food and Drugs Act	13	18
Frecerved .lea*	Food and Drugs Act	7	28
law, ers	County Act	29	55

DISHOLAI OF WEST, FOOD

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the carriers rest found unfit for feed is stained, and in this District it is collected by the trade for proceeding.

ther food, thered etc., is normally disposed of on refuse tips.

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS, 1955

Routine inspection of food handling premises is carried out and as a result further improvements were made at numerous premises involving provision of hot water, suitable working surfaces, wall surfaces, new ceilings, decoration, kitchen alterations storage space and first aid materials.

Catering on a scale never envisaged before in this District commenced in July, 1963, when the Motorway M.6 was opened and the Service Area at Charnock Richard came into operation. The trade during the summer months is extremely heavy, however, it falls off considerably during the winter periods.

The Service Area on the M.61 in the parish of Anderton was opened for business in March, 1971.

In addition there is a very large catering establishment in Rivington used mainly for social purposes.

Number of Premises

Premises	No.	Fitted to comply with Reg. 18	To which Reg. 21 applies	Fitted to comply with Reg. 21
General Grocers	100	99	100	89
Greengrocers	4	4	Ł ₊	4
Butchers	12	12.	12	12
Bakers and Confectioners	24	24	24	24
Fried Fish Shops	9	9	9	9
Shops selling mainly sweets and minerals	24	24	24	24
Licensed Premises, Clubs Canteens and Cafes	107	96	107	107
Chemists	7	7	7	7
TOTAL	287	275	287	276

LIQUID EGG (PASTEURISATION) REGULATIONS, 1963

There are no egg pasteurisation plants in the District.

There are no known users of this product in the District.

SCHOOLS

There are now thirty nine schools in the District, including the Rivington and Blackrod Grammar School, administered by the Education Authority.

The school at Lower Wheelton is in use again for special educational purposes.

The School Medical Services are operated by the County Council and separate reports are issued.

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All schools are supplied with water from the Council's mains.

.anitary Accommodation

Thirty eight of the thirty nine schools have water closets, some are drained to the main sewer and some to private drainage tanks. The odd one has pail closets, and these cannot be converted until the sewerage scheme for the Mawdesley and Heskin area is completed.

HOUSING

25 additional properties were added to the Clearance List during the year.

HOUSING SUMMARY

- 1. Inspection of dwelling houses during the year:-
 - (1) a. Fotal No. of dwelling houses inspected formally or informally for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) .. 165
 - b. No. of inspections, formal or informal, made for the purpose .. 463
 - (2) Dwelling houses unfit for human habitation and not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit:
 - a. Number reported to Ministry in 1955 approx. .. 420 Since then more have been added to the Clearance list approx. .. 250
 - b. Total estimated number existing at the end of the year .. 91
 - 3) No. of dwelling houses found during the year to be not in all respects reasonably fit for ruman habitation but capable of being rendered fit

LUIL BELLEVILLE OR CLOSED AND PERSONS AND FAMILIES DISPLACED

- 2. In Clearance Areas
- Displaced during the year:

 Houses Persons Families

 a. Unfit houses
- 3. Houses not included in Blearance Areas

ther houses

1) louses derolished or closed during the year:-

procedure Section 17)

- a. Jousing ct, 1957:-
 - 1. Pemolished as a result of formal
 - ii. Closed uncer section 17 4 17(1) 35(1) Sousing act, 1957
- F. John 1.c+, 1949
 - i. Toned at a result of closing orders under ..ection 3 1, and 3 2;
- c. Con Covernment Misce Hancoln revisions)
 - L. Free at a result of cloring orders under either 10(, and 1(2)

4.	Re	pairs during the year	No. of Houses
	a.	Unfit houses rendered fit and houses in which defects were remedied during the period as a result of <u>informal action</u> by the Local Authority under the Housing or Public Health Acts:	47
	b.	Public Health Acts:- action after service of formal Notices Houses in which defects were remedied:-	
		i. By owners	16 -
	c.	Housing Act, 1957:- action after service of formal Notices Houses made fit:-	
		i. By Local Authority in default of owners	- :

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Again a number of applications for improvement grants were made during the year under review. The following table summarizes the position:-

	Private be	odies or individuals
	No. of Schemes	No. of dwelling houses or other buildings affected
(a) Submitted by private individuals to Local Authority	24	24
(b) Approved by Local Authority	10	30
(c) Submitted by the Local Authority to the Ministry		_
(d) Finally approved by the Ministry	-	_
(e) Work Completed	6	6
(f) Additional separate dwellings included in (c) above		_

Since the beginning of this scheme 521 applications have been made.

HOUSE PURCHASE AND HOUSING ACT, 1959

Standard Grants

(a) Submitted to Local Authority - Full Standard	28	28
Reduced Standard	<u>-</u>	20
(b) Approved by Local Authority - Full Standard	17	17
Reduced Standard	-	_
(c) Work Completed	23	23

Since the beginning of this scheme 668 applications have been made.

NEW HOUSES

During the year 554 new houses were erected in the District.

RENT ACT, 1957

This Act is associated with the Housing Act although strictly it is a matter of concern for landlords and tenants. No applications for certificates of disrepair were received during the year.

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

The District is little used by genuine campers and the majority of van users in the area are people who desire to use vans as permanent homes.

The Caravan Sites Control of Development Act, 1960, came into operation in 1961. Friefly the act accepts caravans but gives Local Authorities power to attach reasonable conditions to licences that are issued under it.

The licensing of caravan sites under the Act is very closely connected with Town Flanning approval of such sites, in fact, if planning approval is given then a licence must also be granted.

The number of licensed sites in the District at the end of the year was thirteen.

Nook Farm, Blackmoor, Mawdesley One van Off Dob Brow, Charnock Richard One van Millers Farm, Ulnes Walton One van Off Grimeford Lane, Anderton One van Charratts Wood, Charnock Richard One van Woodcocks Farm, Wigan Road, Clayton-le-Woods Three vans Greenbank Farm, Wigan Road, Clayton-le-Woods Three vans Cuerdens Farm, Clayton-le-Woods One van Lime Acres, Doctors Lane, Eccleston One van Corner of Ridley Lane, Moor Road, Croston One van Southworths Farm, Wigan Road, Clayton-le-Woods One hundred and seventeen vans 176 Wood Lane, Heskin One van Nook Farm, Bretherton One van

In addition there are numerous vans which are exempt.

SHOPS

Inspection of shops is carried out on behalf of the Lancashire County Council.

 $\,^{\rm A}$ large proportion of the shops in the District are house/shops operated by the family.

Many discussions on food hygiene have taken place at the time of shops inspection. Inspections carried out in 1971 are numbered 112.

CLEAN AIR

Leven smoke observations were taken during the year.

Co-operation with the National Coal Board officials continued regarding the burning spoil banks at Ellerbeck Colliery and Chisnall Hall Colliery.

There are no Smoke Control Areas in the Rural District.

After consideration of a report submitted by the Public Health Department in November 1967 the Council decided to take no action.

-ne decision may not be so bad as it appears on the surface as new properties and properties subject to Improvement Grants are made to comply with specific conditions, so that the number which will have to be dealt with finally is gradually reducing.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT

A lot of work as usual was carried out under the powers of the Public Health Act, and the following figures summarise it:

Number of	premises visited	• •	• •					 4.321
Nuisances	and defects discovere	d						 ムムス
Nuisances	abated and defects re	medied						 372
Number of	informal notices serv	ed	• •	• •				 249
Number of	statutory notices ser	ved	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	 16
Number of	visits, inspections a	nd re-in	spect	ions	made			
auring t	the year, total for AL	$^{ m L}$ purpos	es		• •			 16,309

RODENT CONTROL

Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries & Food

ANNUAL REPORT ON RATS AND MICE

The type of report on Rodent Control Operations required by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, was simplified in 1967.

A copy of this actual report is given below:

Number infested by: -

were any sewers infested by Rats during

Sewers

the year

Prevention of damage by Pests Act, 1949 Year ended 31st December, 1971				
Local Authority:-	Chorley Rural Dis	trict Council		
County:-	Lancashire			
		Type of Pr	operty	
		Non-Agriculture	Agriculture	
Properties other than sewer	S			
Numbers of properties in di	strict	13,071	663	
Total number of properties nearby premises) inspecte notification	(including d following	815	132	
Number infested by:-	Rats	123	132	
	Mice	78	34	
Total number of properties for rats and/or mice for other than notification	inspected reasons	1,837	-	

The Council operates a contract scheme for agricultural premises. There were one hundred and six contracts in operation at the end of the year.

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Rats

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 and 1948

The following tables summarises the work done in connection with factories during the year:-

PART I OF THE ACT

	Number on Register	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
Pactories in which Sections 1, 5, 3, 4 % 6 are to be enforced by Local authorities	9	46	-	-
(3) Pactories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local authority	63	66	_	-
(3) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outwork premises)	9	46	-	-
TOTAL	81	158	-	-

ases in which defects were found

			mber of ca defects w	No. of cases		
			Referred		in which	
		Found	Remedied		by H.M. Inspec.	were instituted
mant of cleanliness	(5.1.)	_	-	-	-	_
vercrowding	(s.2.)	_	-	-	-	-
rreason ble temperature	(8.3.)	-	-	-	-	-
instequate ventilation	(5.4.)	-	-	-	-	-
ne lective drainage of floors	(5.6.)	-	-	-	-	-
Danitary Convenience: 'a Insufficient 'b, 'nsulteble or defective 'r lot searcate for sexes		- 3 -	- 3 -	-	-	=
*For offences against the Act including offences relating twork.		_	-	-	_	
	TOTAL	3	3	-	-	-

of outworkers in agust list required by Section 110(i) (c)

Basket making - 24 Christmas tockings - -

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Class of Workplace	Number of premises registered during the year	Total number of registered premises at end of year	Number of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year
Offices	4	25	23
Retail Shops	4	47	46
Wholesale shops and warehouses		5	4
Catering establishments open to public - canteens	2	31	31
Fuel storage depots	-	-	-
TOTAL	10	108	104

Number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to Registered Premises: - 145

Class of Workplace	Number of persons employed			
Cffices	342			
Retail Shops	124			
wholesale Departments, Warehouses	37			
Catering establishments open to the public	585			
Canteens	-			
Fuel Storage Depots	<u>-</u>			
Total	1,088			
Total MALES	436			
Total FEMALES	652			

Number of Inspectors appointed under Section 52(1) or (5) of the Act:- Four Number of other staff employed for most of their time on work in connection with the Act:- None.

TETROLEUM REGULATIONS

lixty-six licences to store petroleum spirit were issued during the year.

M. TICHAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948 AND 1951

No cases were dealt with in 1971.

Section 50 No cases were dealt with in 1971.

CARE OF THE AGED

Special Housing Accommodation

There is now a total of 146 units of this type of accommodation in the Rural District. The seven groups are situated in the following parishes:

Coppull (two groups) 54 units, present wardens appointed in (The Willows) 1966 (The Heys) 1971.

<u>Croston</u> 22 units, present warden appointed in

November, 1970.

Eccleston 18 units, present warden appointed in

December, 1970.

20 units, present warden appointed in

August, 1970.

Heath Charnock 16 units, present warden appointed in 1967.

Chittle-le-woods 16 units, present warden appointed in 1968.

146

think it is true to say that the Wardens generally do much more than one could describe as lardens duty.

The demand for this type of accommodation seems to be greater than ever and if additional accommodation could be provided in other parishes the demand would increase as there is reluctance on the part of many old people to leave the village of which they have been part, in some cases, for a life time.

The Council had a fairly comprehensive report on this subject submitted by the Futlic Fealth Department as long ago as January, 1965 when recommendations, which were approved in principle, covering every parish in the District were made.

it that time there were only 52 units completed, 22 were in course of erection, of principled, 20 agreed to in principle and 6 general letting bungalows at appeal view added to the list, these have now been completed together with an additional if which makes a total of 146. In addition to these the report recommended a further 18 wits at Clayton-le-Woods with worden, and 4 units at the critical at angelton or leappy, both groups of which were at the time precided to be without a resident worden, but given some supervision possibly by a leaver graded with a car or by an occasional visit of a member of the Divisional could find the car.

Perhaps the time is ripe for bringing that report up to date and considering whether other 'Wardenless' accommodation should be provided at say, in parishes such as Bretherton, Brindle, Charnock Richard, Heskin and Mawdesley. It has now been decided to proceed with bungalows at Heapey, Charnock Richard and Mawdesley.

In general, the Council has some difficulty obtaining a satisfactory cost yardstick for Aged Persons Bungalows, and it is only by careful cost planning and very competitive tendering that the Council is able to provide this type of accommodation.

Disabled Person's Bungalows

The Council proposed to provide five disabled persons bungalows - two in the Parish of Coppull and three in the Parish of Euxton. The bungalows are designed so that satisfactory space and amenity requirements are provided in case either of the adult occupants has the disability. The two bungalows at Coppull are now in course of erection, but the three at Euxton have not yet been commenced.

Until recently the Council was unable to obtain a satisfactory cost yardstick, but the Department of the Environment have increased their cost yardstick figures and it is now hoped that with minor modifications to the bungalow designs and by utilizing the 10% tolerance, the construction costs will fall within the permitted cost yardstick.

The Lancashire County Council make grants in connection with provision of this type of accommodation, unfortunately the amount in our case is insufficient to finance the extra space and facilities required for disabled persons.

It would appear that the grants offered by the Lancashire County Council are lower than those made by some other Welfare Authorities.

INSPECTION OF THE DISTRICT

The Rural District Council devotes two days in the year to the inspection of the District, being accompanied on each occasion by a representative of the Highway Authority and members of its own staff. On such inspections visits are made to sites which are matters of interest in connection with the work of the Local Authority.

I am.

Your obedient Servant,

J. WALKER.

Medical Officer of Health





